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Welcome to the heart of the racquetball tournament season!

This is the time of year when we all get the chance to hit the reset button. We are currently living in a time where many seem to be angry. The politicians are rude and continually fighting with each other, people are shooting each other in the street for no apparent reason, and things are just plain out of control. All of this bad behavior seems to make normal people feel like they can behave a little badly, too, and no one will call them on it.

There is one place where I hope not to see any bad behavior in 2019…and that is in the racquetball club. There should be no bad behavior by players during or after a match and no bad behavior from spectators watching a match. That includes taunting or threatening the other player(s) or the referee, as well as physical contact. This seems like a good time to review the rules regarding player and spectator conduct as well as the role of referees.

Sections A.9 and A.10 of the USA Racquetball Rulebook outline possible repercussions of poor player and/or spectator conduct:

**A.9 Tournament Conduct**

In all USAR sanctioned tournaments, the referee is empowered to forfeit a match, if the conduct of a player or team is considered detrimental to the tournament and the game. See B.5 (d) and (e).

**A.10 Spectator Conduct**

In the event of disruptive or threatening behavior on the part of any spectator, relative, parent, guardian, or coach at any USAR sanctioned event, the referee is empowered to address a first offense by applying sanction (a) described below.

For additional infractions, the Tournament Director or USAR official in attendance, either of their own accord or at the request of the referee, is empowered to apply either sanctions (b) or (c) as warranted.

(a) For the first offense, the violator may observe, but not speak (as determined by whether the referee hears the person), while the athlete’s match is being played.
(b) For the second offense, the violator may not watch that match, but may remain within the building.
(c) For the third offense, the violator will be removed from the club for the duration of the tournament, and appropriate authorities advised of the restriction. If a given situation so warrants, the Tournament Director or USAR official may invoke the (c) sanction immediately and without previous offenses - in the interest of general safety.

Tournament players have rights regarding referees whether playing in a tournament that provides referees or in a tournament that is self-officiated. No player should feel like they cannot ask for a referee if they are playing a difficult opponent.

Rule B.3 applies to tournaments where referees are provided:

**B.3 Referee Appointment and Removal**

The principal official for every match shall be the referee who has been designated by the Tournament Director, or a designated representative, and who has been agreed upon by all participants in the match.

The referee’s authority regarding a match begins once the players are called to the court. The referee may be removed from a match upon the agreement of all participants (teams in doubles) or at the discretion of the Tournament Director or the designated representative. In the event that a referee’s removal is requested by one player or team and not agreed to by the other, the Tournament Director or the designated representative may accept or reject the request. It is suggested that the match be observed before determining what, if any, action is to be taken. In addition, two line judges and a scorekeeper may also be designated to assist the referee with officiating the match.

(c) Protests. Any decision not involving the judgment of the referee will, on protest, be accorded due process as set forth in the constitution of USAR. For the purposes of rendering a prompt decision regarding protests filed during the course of an ongoing tournament, the stages of due process will be:

1. First to the tournament desk;
2. Then to the Tournament Director; and finally to
3. The tournament rules committee

In those instances when time permits, the protest may be elevated to the State Association or, when appropriate, to the National level as called for in the USAR By-Laws.

Section D.6 applies to self-officiated tournaments:

**D.6 Disputes**

Should either player, for any reason, desire to have a referee, then a referee should be sought, although there could be some delay in the match while the person is sought.

Please note the sentence in bold above. Players have the right to report bad behavior that occurs during or after a match. If a player wants to file a grievance, they must report it first to the tournament director and then provide a written statement of the incident. Other people who have witnessed the event will be asked to also provide a written statement of what they have seen.

The rules are very clear as to how a grievance is handled. The ISRA Board must put together a committee of 3 or 5 Board members to review the grievance and the witness statements. They will adjudicate the issue and determine whether a player will receive a warning or be suspended from tournament play. The player who is accused of the bad behavior is also invited to speak to the Board committee on his or her own behalf. The Board then comes to agreement on the penalty.

That is the least pleasant task that any ISRA Board member wants to participate in. And, there are some other tasks that are both mandatory and somewhat time consuming. For example, Board members must submit to background checks every two years and must take SafeSport training as required by the United States Olympic Committee. These, of course, are in place due to the bad behavior of a small group of people who take advantage of others in whatever sport in which they are involved.

Let’s all hit the reset button for 2019 and make a resolution to leave our anger and our egos behind when we get on the court. Play racquetball for the sheer joy of the physical exercise, the competition, and the friendships!

See you on the courts,

Laurel
ISRA Family News

Racquetball Meets Baseball on a Hot August Night
Guaranteed Rate Field and the Chicago White Sox hosted ISRA Racquetball Night on August 8, 2019, as the Chicago White Sox took on the Bronx Bombers – the New York Yankees. Former Junior Team Illinois player and White Sox Executive Trevor Snyders set up a web link so that those who wished to participate could easily purchase tickets.

Doug and Michelle Halverson were there in full White Sox regalia to lead the pack. Sadly, the ISRA group of 15 was not to see a White Sox victory that evening — after the Sox scored two runs in the first inning, the Yankees scored six in the second. The Sox could not recover, and while each team scored a single run in the fifth, that was all she wrote. Final score Yankees 7, White Sox 3.

However...thanks to free-flowing libations and extremely good company, an excellent time was still had by all. Fond memories prevail!

2018 NMRA Doubles Only
11/30-12/2/18
Tucson (Arizona) Racquet & Fitness Club
Two of Team Illinois’ finest brought medals home to Illinois from the NMRA Doubles Only event. Hmm... Tucson + December = Smart!

Don Dennis of Springfield and his partner Len Corte (AZ) earned Bronze in the Men’s 80+ while Dennis McKee of Glenview and his partner Michael Stephens (MI) took the Gold in the Men’s 70+! Congrats to both teams!

Hope to see everyone at the NMRA International Championships being held at our own Glass Court in Lombard, June 27–30, 2019. Let’s show the NMRA our full support with a record-breaking Illinois turnout! Players aged 40+ on up are eligible to play, and we have plenty of those! Let’s do this!!

ISRA Women’s League Celebrates the Holidays!

Farewell to Lola and Ray -- Good Luck!
ISRA Hall of Famer Lola Markus and her husband Ray moved to Florida in Autumn 2018 to be closer to family. A very well attended send-off was organized by another Hall of Famer, Art Michaely, at a restaurant in Arlington Heights on September 4th. Saying goodbye was hard, but we wish Lola and Ray so much happiness. They will always be treasured by Team Illinois!
Did You Know You Can Believe…Again?
by Carolyn Vazquez

Ah, the holiday season -- a wonderfully magical memory for so many children and their families. Helping to make the season bright for family is important. My extended family has grown to include my racquetball friends. The same kids I would see running around the club just learning how to play have grown up, but I still believe in that holiday magic. These days, the best example of the culmination of family and that magic is found in Junior Team Illinois (JTI), and hopefully you can believe in magic, too!

JTI is a fearless group of young players who ROCK, and they are the future of our sport. They are the ones we pour our knowledge and experience into, believing that with this edge they will change the world, make a difference, or, even better, shine brighter than all others in a sky of many stars. Every Sunday, there is a team of people at Glass Court planning and helping to make a difference in the future of racquetball through the lives of the children who show up to participate and work! These tenacious players push themselves past their own comfort zones; they step through their footwork drills and compete against each other learning “life” lessons and overcoming concerns. After being involved as a coach for two seasons now, it’s gratifying to see that the practice and guidance has improved their game and given them confidence -- all qualities our children NEED to utilize in a world that can be unfair.

JTI serves youth 6-18 years of age and is sanctioned locally through the Illinois State Racquetball Association (ISRA) and nationally through USA Racquetball (USAR). JTI provides quality instruction from certified coaches teaching players the rules and basic techniques of racquetball; promotes health and fitness; and encourages academic success as they transition on to higher levels of education. The JTI season runs from October through April with special events, for example, our monthly Family & Friend days (courtesy of Glass Court), clinics with the Pros, a holiday get-together, and the end-of-season pizza party.

There have been some absolutely awesome young people who have “graduated” from the JTI program and made their mark on the world of racquetball. Academic opportunities have been presented to JTI youth as well in the form of the annual TJ Ferro Scholarship Award. This is a program worth getting to know better and supporting, and it is possible because there are people who still believe in the magic of JTI, giving their time and resources to help out. So, bring a young family member out to Glass Court to check out JTI, stop by the Junior Team Info table at your next tournament to learn more, or grab some baked goods at our JTI Bake Sales. Your donations and encouragement are greatly appreciated, helping to support kids who come through the program. To check for insider news, please “Like” us and follow us on Facebook at Junior Team Illinois Racquetball. We BELIEVE…show us you do, too!
The ISRA Board of Directors will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. As with all ISRA meetings, this meeting is open to the membership. The Annual Meeting is particularly important since all members attending have a vote in the election of the ISRA Board of Directors. If you plan to attend, please contact Barb Vagedes at barbaravagedes@aol.com for time and location.

Board positions are staggered two-year terms. There are seven open seats on the Board for this year’s election. As part of the process, the Nominating Committee will determine which sitting Board members wish to run for re-election.

According to Article IV, Section IV.2 of the ISRA Bylaws (ratified by the ISRA Board of Directors in December 2013 and posted on the ISRA website):

Additional Director candidates must be nominated in writing by one or more ISRA/USAR members, endorsed by signed petition of at least 50 members, and received by the President prior to May 1. If there are any additional Director nominations, the President shall first verify that the nominee is in agreement to run and serve and shall give notice of said nomination to the public via the ISRA website and email communication on or before May 15 but in no case fewer than 30 days before the Annual Meeting date. The election shall take place at the Annual Meeting in June, by ballot, with only members present voting. If there are no additional nominations, the Nominating Committee’s slate shall be accepted automatically.

Interested potential Board candidates can contact ISRA President Laurel Davis for more information at laurelmdavis@comcast.net.

Additionally, any ISRA member who wishes to help improve the quality of racquetball in Illinois and familiarize themselves with Board processes is welcome to join the Auxiliary Board. Come out and support Illinois Racquetball!

Signed,
The ISRA Nominating Committee
Todd Burris (Chair), Jonelle Dubois, and Cheryl Kirk
25th Annual Summerfest Open

July 27-29, 2018
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Tournament Directors -- Dan Jaskier, Cheryl Kirk, Doug Halverson

by Cheryl Kirk

...and the magic number is 25, as in years since the first Summerfest debuted at Glass Court in 1993!

Do the math -- how old were you then? Never mind, can’t think about it, moving on...

Here are the stats from this milestone event:

Players: 112 (Men 90, Women 22)

Divisions offered: Men’s Singles and Doubles, Women’s Singles and Doubles, Juniors, AND a Classic Racquet Division to commemorate the 25th anniversary

Divisions (#): 23 plus 2 pool play playoffs

States (7): AZ, FL, IA, IL, IN, OH, PA -- (a great turnout of 10 from Indiana with Ryan and Brooke volunteering at the tournament desk - thanks!)

Countries (2): Mexico and USA (Daniela Molina made this an international event)

Junior players: 6

We welcomed several new tournament players and one adorable volunteer (Avery Lemon) who became verklempt when she saw her name added to the volunteer recognition poster in the club.

The Stay the Course Award went to Susan Mueller who played four doubles matches in a row on Friday night and lived to tell about it. (Folks, this is what your time conflicts do to innocent players!)

Warm thanks to our sponsors Head/Penn, Eduardo’s Pizza, and Anthony’s Pizza.

Much love and gratitude go to our faithful band of volunteers who never let us (and you) down:

Marian Bala, Arun Baskaran, Todd Burris, Mike Davern, Laurel Davis, Brooke Drinkall, Michael Fornerio, Lori Good, Pam Grace, Ryan Griffin, Dolores Lamberson, Avery Lemon, Geoff Peters, Rick Seaberg, Joe Silius, Dave Singer, John Thorson, Claudia Torres, and Montserrat Torres

Results below...and check out the brackets at: http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=25104

Brittany Reuber and Eric Mathews (now engaged!) supported Tyler Mathews in his first-ever tournament.

Avery!
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**RESULTS | 25th Annual Summerfest Open**

**Division (#): First; Second; Semis**

**Men's Open (16):** Thomas Carter (PA); Keith Minor; Fernando Javier Rivera, Kyle Ulliman (OH)

**Men's AA (8):** Lucas Shoemaker (IA); Eric Mathews; Arun Baskaran, Cristian Moreno

**Men's A (17):** Jake Ryan; Nadeem Sharifuddin; Ed Esparza, Jose Garcia

**Men's B (10):** Eugen Gheorghiu; Roberto Dunaway-Torres; Daniel Barrera, Robert Dreger

**Men's C (10):** Ernie Perone; Jesus Lopez; Ryan Urbaniak, Bill Pelen

**Men's D (3):** Tyler Mathews; Spencer O'Dea; Axel Lopez (3rd)

**Men's Classic Racquet Pool 1 (3):** Joe Vallender; James Caristi (IN), Carlos Ibarra

**Men's Classic Racquet Pool 2 (3):** Cristian Moreno; Daniel Jaskier; Wayne Lorenz

**Men's Classic Racquet Playoff (2):** Cristian Moreno; Joe Vallender

**Men's 30+/35+ (5):** Ryan Griffin (IN); Tony Domelle (IN); Frank Wrobel (3rd)

**Men's 40+/45+/55+ Pool 1 (3):** Ryan Griffin (IN); Eugen Gheorghiu; Luis Gonzalez (FL)

**Men's 40+/45+/55+ Pool 2 (3):** Tom Neal; Todd Burris; Michael Zupke

**Men's 40+/45+/55+ Playoff (2):** Ryan Griffin (IN); Tom Neal

**Men's 45+ Intermediate (3):** Richard Seaberg; Bob Diorio; Ray Meisner (3rd)

**Men's 60+ (3):** Mike Davern; Hector Herrera; Geoff Peters (3rd)

**Men's 65+ (3):** James Caristi (IN); Ray Meisner; Patrick Taylor (3rd)

**Men's Open Doubles (6):** Thomas Carter (PA)/Jeremy Dixon; Alok Mehta/Kyle Ulliman (OH); Anthony Cosmano/Michael Fornero, Jorge Ortiz/Fernando Javier Rivera

**Men's A Doubles (10):** Dave Singer/Jake Ryan; Jose Garcia/Gallagher Garcia; Peter McCauley/Mike Davern, Jerry Kee/Chris Choi

**Men's B/C Doubles (5):** Chris Choi/Richard Seaberg; David Oleski/Jerry Schultz; Jesus Lopez/Daniel Barrera (3rd)

**Men's 90+ Combined Doubles (7):** Alok Mehta/Dave Milazzo; Andy Pitock/Eric Jensen; Alcides Gutierrez/Tom Neal, Joe Silius/Martin Gonzalez

**Women's Open/A (5):** Daniela Molina (Mexico); Janet Eminger; Emily Fauser (3rd)

**Women's B/C (5):** Jessica O'Hara; Clarissa Ford; TK Karadzovski (3rd)

**Women's Open/A Doubles (5):** Rebecca Bowman (IN)/Lynn Yeazell; Karin McCauley/Vickie Onesti; Gisela Gomez/Emily Fauser (3rd)

**Mixed Open Doubles (3):** Keith Minor/Rebecca Bowman (IN); Danny Ortega/Daniela Molina (Mexico); Matt Beals (IN)/Laura Pesek (IN)/3rd)

**Mixed A Doubles (3):** Vickie Onesti/Glen Bero; Daniel Jaskier/Jennifer Suwanski; Allen Bell/Edith Seaman (3rd)

**Mixed 40+ Doubles (5):** Martin Gonzalez/Lynn Yeazell; Andy Pitock/Cheryl Kirk; Michael Reinhofer/Susan Mueller (3rd)

**Junior Singles (6):** Spencer O'Dea; Alex Lopez; Devin Mehta (3rd), Freddy Conforti (4th)
Glass Court Fall Shootout

October 20, 2018
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Tournament Directors: Dan Jaskier and Cheryl Kirk
by Cheryl Kirk

Five states were represented in this IRT Tier 5 shootout. It was a jam-packed day with 79 matches played by competitors from Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Ohio. Over half of the players entered two divisions...some were tired puppies on Saturday evening!

There was a scarcity of women; three charming warriors resided in the three-team Mixed 40+/50+ round robin division and reportedly had a very nice time. Thanks to Alexis Elabed, Susan Mueller, and Edith Seaman for providing the sum-and-total of feminine pulchritude on this particular day.

In the other 13 divisions, men's singles skill divisions saw the most participation. Round robin competition took place in men's age singles and men's skill doubles.

Faithful volunteers who are dear to us, gathered near to us: Marian Bala, Todd Burris, Michael Fornero, Pam Grace, Avery Lemon, Brian McNally, Geoff Peters, Spencer O'Dea, Bill Roberts, John Thorson, and Barb Vagedes. Thank you to all!

Research the results of each and every one of the 79 matches competed at: http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/divisions/listAllDivs.asp?TID=29441&sortBy=defaultOrder

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Glass Court Fall Shootout

Division (#): First; Second; Semis

Men’s Pro (10): Thomas Carter (PA); Keith Minor; Jeremy Dixon, Roberto Arellano (Bolivia)

Men’s AA (2): Daniel Herrera (OH); Frank Wrobel

Men’s A (9): Chris Choi; Justin Peterson; Eugen Gheorghiu, Todd Burris

Men’s B (10): Paul Nijensohn; Kevin Chang; Rick Seaberg, Ron Ours

Men’s C (8): Kevin Chang; Anuraj Singh; Alfredo Aranda, Hector Herrera

Men’s D (3): Spencer O’Dea; Tyler Mathews; Scott Barlev (3rd)

Men’s 40/50/55+ (4): Nadeem Sharifuddin; Ray Redelman; Jerry Kee (3rd), Eugen Gheorghiu (4th)

Men’s 60/65+ (3): Hector Herrera; James Caristi (IN); Bill Roberts (3rd)

Men’s 40/50 Intermediate (6): Anurag Singh; Rich Morales; Ray Meisner, Amit Ainapure

Men’s Open Doubles (2): Jeremy Dixon/Thomas Carter (PA); Daniel Herrera (OH)/Ethan Slutsky (MO)

Men’s A Doubles (5): Glen Bero/Todd Burris; Jairo Torres/Jerry Kee; Dan Jaskier/Anthony Giacalone (3rd), Carlos Canessa/Daniel Barrera (4th)

Men’s B/C Doubles (3): Kevin Loftus/Paul Nijensohn; Doug Waco/Sean Cantorna; Michael O’Dea/Spencer O’Dea (3rd)

Mixed 40/50+ Doubles (3): Susan Mueller/Allen Bell; Alexis Elabed (IN)/James Caristi (IN); Edith Seaman/Jim Ingolia (3rd)
27th Turkey Shoot Open/LPRT Tier 1 Pro Stop/IRT Tier 5 Pro Stop

November 16-18, 2018
Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard, IL
Tournament Directors: Dan Jaskier, Geoff Peters, Doug Halverson, Cheryl Kirk, T. J. Baumbaugh

As some of the first snowflakes of the season whipped by the front window of Glass Court, players from six countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, and USA) and 18 states competed in the first-ever LPRT Pro Stop. Let’s hear what the LPRT’s Freddy Ramirez and Tournament Director Geoff Peters have to say about this momentous affair...

Our First LPRT Event is in the History Books!
It was a great fall for the ISRA as Illinois and Glass Court were able to host our first-ever LPRT Tier One Professional Tournament as part of the longstanding Glass Court Turkey Shoot. This 27th Turkey Shoot was a Tier 5 IRT Event for the Men Pro’s and a full Singles and Doubles Tier 1 event for the Women Pro’s. This was in addition to over 125 amateur players who crowded Glass Court from early in the morning until midnight on Friday and Saturday following an exciting Pro-Am Doubles Shootout on Thursday evening (won by Rick Seaberg and Paola Longoria). As a matter of fact, the Pro Am was just the start of another fabulous weekend for Paola Longoria (Mexico) as she took the Women’s Singles title over Samantha Salas (Mexico) and then partnered with Samantha to defeat Alexandra Herrera (Mexico) and Carla Muñoz (Chile) in the Pro Doubles Finals. Paola captured her record setting 93rd professional title at this, the LPRT’s fourth stop of the year.

Longoria has now won every event so far this 2018-19 season. She also won her fourth Doubles title, adding this one to a collection of an incredible 36 doubles titles in the last four seasons. Paola is continuing her record run while facing increasingly tougher matches.

This time last year, Samantha (Mexico) was rehabbing after shoulder surgery. She rejoined the LPRT during the second half of the 2017-18 season and immediately returned as a force on tour, even taking a very rare tour stop victory from Paola Longoria. Samantha continues to improve as she battles through very tough draws, and she is managing to solidify her spot at #2 in the rankings.

In the semifinals was Maria Jose Vargas (Argentina) who has been moving up the rankings all season. Her performance in Lombard moved her up one spot to #5. Vargas was sitting in the #2 spot before leaving to start a family two seasons ago. She returned to the tour full time during the second half of last season. Here, Maria was defeated by Paola Longoria in one semifinal match. In the other half of the draw, Alexandra Herrera (Mexico) was once again in the semifinals. She is quietly performing at a high level of play and her consistency continues to pay off. Her semifinal match with Samantha Salas represented a true top-of-the-rankings battle. Herrera is currently #4 on the LPRT.

In addition to the top four players, there has been a significant spark of interest in the LPRT over the past few seasons, with young, talented players setting their sights on hitting the tour regularly. In Lombard, we had a few new players, including Valeria Centellas, Brenda Laime, and Stefanny Barrios who are all promising players from Bolivia. Other notable appearances were made by Carla Muñoz, the current Intercollegiate Champion, and Lexi York, a well-decorated collegiate player from the U.S. Lexi is considering a serious and dedicated run on the LPRT, and we hope to see more of all of these players in the future.

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In other divisions, Cristina Amaya took the Women’s Open over Adriana Riveros in an all-Colombian final. In the IRT Pro Final, David (Bobby) Horn (CA) defeated Jake Bredenbeck, (MN) while Natalia Mendez (Argentina) and Bobby Horn beat Daniela Molina (Mexico) and new Illinois resident Thomas Carter in the Mixed Open. In Men’s Open Doubles, Jake and Keith Minor took the title over Thomas Carter and John Thorson, while Axel Lopez, Sydney Prendergast, and Freddy Conforti were the class of the Junior Divisions on Sunday.

Of special note was the Pro-Am Doubles on Thursday night and the Junior Clinic for Junior Team Illinois on Sunday morning. A special thanks to everyone who was part of sponsoring and running this event (see sidebars on pages 14 and 15).

Brackets and results can be viewed at http://www.r2sports.com/website/event-results.asp?TID=29442.
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*Jonelle Dubois   Michelle Halverson   *Geoff Peters   Carolyn Vazquez
Michael Fornero

* ISRA Board members

RESULTS | 27th Turkey Shoot Open/LPRT Tier 1 Pro Stop/IRT Tier 5 Pro Stop

Division (#): First; Second; Semis

LPRT PRO Singles (26): Paola Longoria (Mexico); Samantha Salas (Mexico); Maria Jose Vargas (Argentina); Alexandra Herrera (Mexico)

LPRT PRO Doubles (14): Paola Longoria (Mexico)/Samantha Salas (Mexico); Alexandra Herrera (Mexico)/Carla Muñoz (Chile/USA); Rhonda Rajsich (AZ/USA)/Sheryl Lotts (OH/USA); Maria Jose Vargas (Argentina)/Natalia Mendez (Argentina)

Women’s Open (16): Cristina Amaya (Colombia); Adriana Riveros (Colombia); Kelani Bailey Lawrence (VA/USA); Valeria Centellas (Bolivia)

Women’s AA (5): Sharon Jackson (GA/USA); Cassi Lee (NY/USA); Jennifer Suwanski (IL/USA); Kristin Coulter (IL/USA)

Women’s A (3): Faith Malek (OH); Edith Seaman; Barbara Vagedes (3rd)

Women’s Open/40+ Doubles (6): Nancy Amaro/Janet Eminger; Lynn Yeazell/Rebecca Bowman (IN); Cari Mory; Gisela Gomez; Liz Molitor/Diane Bunker

Women’s A Doubles (3): Faith Malek (OH)/Emily Fauser; Carolyn Vazquez/Letty Maldonado; Edith Seaman/Barbara Vagedes

Mixed Open Doubles (7): Natalia Mendez (Argentina)/David Horn (CA/USA); Daniela Molina (Mexico)/Thomas Carter (IL/USA); Carla Muñoz (Chile/USA)/Geoff Goldblatt (IL/USA); Juan Herrera (IL/USA)/Sharon Jackson (GA/USA)

Mixed A Doubles (3): Ed Esparza/Emily Fauser; Gisela Gomez/Richard Seaberg; Daniel Jaskier/Jennifer Suwanski (3rd)

Mixed 40+ Doubles (6): Antonio Vazquez/Cari Mory; Lynn Yeazell/Martin Gonzalez; Andy Pitock/Cheryl Kirk; Kristin Coulter/Miguel Riollano

IRT PRO/OPEN (14): David Horn (CA); Jake Bredenbeck (MN); Geoff Goldblatt, Thomas Carter (PA)

Men’s AA (5): Juan Herrera; Lucas Shoemaker (IA); Michael Fornero, Frank Wrobel

Men’s Elite (15): Eric Mathews; Basilio Salazar; Alcides Gutierrez, John Thorson

Men’s A (14): Nadeem Sharifuddin; Chris Choi; Misael Corral, Roberto Rivas

Men’s B (12): Irfan Siddiqui; Daniel Barrera; Carlos Canessa, Helder Dos Santos

Men’s C (8): Luis Ornelas; Bob Diorio; Alfredo Aranda, Tom Trecker

Men’s D (5): Jae Kim; Tyler Mathews; Spencer O’Dea, Axel Lopez

Men’s Novice (3): Jae Kim; Piyush Sanghani; Varadharajan Cancheepuram (3rd)

Men’s 45+/50+/55+ (11): John Thorson; Ray Redelman; Ferd Samson (MI); Tony Cosmano

Men’s 60+ (3): Mike Davern; Drake Deavours (IN); Geoff Peters (3rd)

Men’s 65+ (6): Hector Herrera; Frank Milazzo; Bruce Nelson, Terry Kennedy

Men’s 35+/INT/45+/INT (5): Mike Russo; Rick Rueger; Richard Seaberg

Men’s Open Doubles (6): Jake Bredenbeck (MN)/Keith Minor; Thomas Carter/John Thorson; Eric Van Marion/Alcides Gutierrez, Alok Mehta/Andrew Price

Men’s A Doubles (10): David Singer/Jake Ryan; Daniel Barrera/Glen Bero; Jairo Torres/Jerry Kee, Nikhil Iyer/Todd Burris

Men’s B/C Doubles (6): Luis Monsreal/Carlos Canessa; David Oleski/Jeffrey Schultz; Doug Waco/Sean Cantorna, Mason Kimberley/Justin Mrowicki

Men’s 100+ Doubles (5): Jose Martinez (IN)/Martin Gonzalez; Bruce Young/Keith Minor; Eric Jensen/Andy Pitock (3rd)

Juniors Boys: Axel Lopez; Freddy Conforti; Brandon Gollins

Junior Girls: Sydney Prendergast; Montserrat Torres; Mackenzie Prendergast

Juniors 14: Sydney Prendergast

Juniors 12: Axel Lopez; Brandon Gollins; Montserrat Torres

Juniors 10: Freddy Conforti; Mackenzie Prendergast

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Illinois Juniors Compete in Des Moines

The 2018 USA Racquetball National Junior Olympic Championships were held in Des Moines, Iowa, June 20-24, 2018. Over 140 junior players (87 boys and 54 girls) from 22 states attended this event that was competed at the Wellmark YMCA in Downtown Des Moines. These young athletes vied for coveted spots on the U.S. Junior National Team that would represent the United States at the 2018 IRF World Junior Championships in San Luis Potosí, Mexico, in November 2018.

This Junior event is run in Olympic format to ensure players get to compete in at least three matches in their respective age divisions. Players begin in the Gold section of their divisions but drop down to Blue, Red, or White based on which round they lost. Medals are awarded in each of these divisions.

Two players from Illinois, Michael Fornero and Freddy Conforti, made the trip over to Des Moines and were coached by Junior Team Illinois Head Coach Marian Bala. Michael competed in the Boys 18 & Under Singles as well as the Boys 18 & Under Doubles with Lucas Shoemaker (IA). Freddy, an intrepid competitor who had only really started playing in earnest several months before (having become inspired by Bobby Horn at the Shamrock Shootout IRT Pro Stop three months earlier), played in the Boys 10 & Under and Boys 10 & Under Two Bounce divisions.

Peggy Fornero was there to support son Michael, and Fred, Mandie, and younger sister Anna cheered Freddy on.

Team Illinois Results
Michael Fornero -- Boys 18 & Under Singles (Blue division) -- Gold
Michael Fornero and Lucas Shoemaker (IA) -- Boys 18 & Under Doubles -- 4th place
Freddy Conforti -- Boys 10 & Under Singles (Red division) -- 3rd place
Freddy Conforti -- Boys 10 & Under Two Bounce (Gold division) -- 4th place

To view the draws and results in all divisions, visit: http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=21877

Special thanks go to the Local Organizing Committee - Dan Horner, Don McCormick, and their fabulous team of Iowa volunteers - who were organized, efficient, and hardworking.

Next up is the 2019 USA Racquetball National Junior Olympic Championships to be hosted in Portland Oregon, June 19-23, 2019. There is already some discussion taking place regarding Illinois participation!

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Mandie, Freddy, Anna, and Fred Conforti

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UnitedHealthcare US OPEN Racquetball Championships

by Cheryl Kirk

Another US OPEN is in the record books! This is the premier grand slam event in racquetball, and Team Illinois players made us proud as they competed alongside 683 additional competitors from 44 states (plus Washington, DC) and 19 countries.

Overall US OPEN Stats
Countries (19): Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, South Korea, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela

Pro Divisions competed on the all-Lucite stadium court, and the following results were logged:

Kane Waselenchuk (USA/Canada) vs. Daniel De La Rosa (Mexico), 15-11, 15-6
Alvaro Beltran (Mexico)/Daniel De La Rosa (Mexico) vs. Kane Waselenchuk/Ben Croft (USA), 15-11, 15-6
Paola Longoria (Mexico) def. Samantha Salas (Mexico), 11-9, 11-2, 11-5
Paola Longoria/Samantha Salas (Mexico) def. Montserrat Mejia (Mexico)/Alexandra Herrera (Mexico), 15-11, 15-14

All divisions/draws/results can be viewed at:
http://www.r2sports.com/website/event-website.asp?TID=24877

Team Illinois
Thirty-seven players (29 men and 8 women) from Illinois made the trip to Minneapolis to compete in a full complement of divisions broken out by singles, doubles, age, skill, and age/skill combined -- women’s, men’s, and mixed.

Illinois ranked fifth in the number of players competing, coming in behind only Minnesota (96), California (52), Florida (51), and Texas (43).

Team Illinois Medal Count: 6 gold, 4 silver, 9 bronze, 2 pewter

Team Illinois Medalists
Gold
Jeremy Dixon – Men’s Elite
Letty Maldonado – Women’s 35+
Alcides Gutierrez / Roberto Leyes, Jr. (Venezuela) -- Men’s Elite Doubles
Lee Frick/ Jeffrey Hill - Men’s B Doubles
Cheryl Gudinas/Gustavo Farell (Uruguay) – Mixed Doubles 50+

Silver
Keith Minor – Men’s 50+

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Dave Milazzo – Men’s 60+
Joyce Satorius – Women’s 65+BC
Brenda White – Women’s 60+

Bronze
Keith Minor – Men’s 45+
Gisela Gomez – Women’s B
Randy Puebla – Men’s 65+ B/C
Alcides Gutierrez/Eric Van Marion – Men’s Doubles 19+
Cheryl Kirk/Susan Mueller – Women’s Centurion A Doubles
Cheryl Kirk/Dolores Lamberson – Women’s Centurion B Doubles

Pewter
Alfredo Aranda/Gisela Gomez – Mixed B Doubles

Team Illinois Competitors at the US OPEN
Alfredo Aranda – Men’s D; Mixed B Doubles (Gisela Gomez)
Jose L. Arteaga – Men’s C Doubles (Tony Garcia)
Daniel Barrera – Men’s B, Men’s 35+B,

Men’s B Doubles (Jesus Lopez)
Frederick Conforti – Men’s 45+C, Men’s C Doubles (Michael Conforti - MN), Men’s Centurion B Doubles (Michael Conforti - MN)
Anthony Cosmano – Men’s A, Men’s A Doubles (Michael Fornero)
Tony Cosmano – Men’s 60+
Jeremy Dixon -- Men’s Elite, Men’s Elite Doubles (Fernando Javier Rivera)
Michael Fornero – Men’s Elite, Men’s Elite Doubles (Geoff Peters), Men’s A Doubles (Anthony Cosmano)
Lee Frick -- Men’s B Doubles (Jeffrey Hill), Men’s Centurion A Doubles (Jake Ryan)
Tony Garcia -- Men’s C Doubles (Jose L. Arteaga)
Gisela Gomez – Women’s B, Mixed B Doubles (Alfredo Aranda)
Cheryl Gudinas -- Mixed 50+ Doubles (Gustavo Farell - Uruguay)
Alcides Gutierrez – Men’s Elite Doubles (Roberto Leyes, Jr. - Venezuela), Men’s 19+ Doubles (Eric Van Marion)

Jeffrey Hill --- Men’s B Doubles (Lee Frick), Men’s Centurion A Doubles (David Singer)
Cheryl Kirk -- Mixed B Doubles (Richard Seaberg), Women’s Centurion A Doubles (Susan Mueller), Women’s Centurion B Doubles (Dolores Lamberson)
Leo Klimaitis -- Men’s 70+, Men’s 65+A
Dolores Lamberson -- Women’s A Doubles (Susan Mueller), Women’s Centurion B Doubles (Cheryl Kirk)
Jesus Lopez -- Men’s 35+B, Men’s B Doubles (Daniel Barrera)
Letty Maldonado -- Women’s 35+
Alok Mehta -- Men’s 45+, Men’s 50+
Dave Milazzo -- Men’s 60+
Frank Milazzo -- Men’s 65+
Keith Minor -- Men’s 45+, Men’s 50+, Men’s IRT Pro Doubles (Jeff Stark - CA)
Susan Mueller -- Women’s A Doubles (Dolores Lamberson), Women’s Centurion A Doubles (Cheryl Kirk)
Jeff O’Hern -- Men’s 55+B, Men’s Centurion B Doubles (Drake Deavours - IN)

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Danny Ortega -- Men's A Singles

Todd Parker -- Men's B, Men's 45+A

Geoff Peters -- Men's 60+, Men's Elite Doubles (Michael Fornero), Mixed Centurion Open/Elite Doubles (Cindy Tilbury - CA)

Randy Puebla -- Men's 60+, Men's 65+B/C

Fernando Javier Rivera -- Men's Elite, Men's 35+, Men's Elite Doubles (Jeremy Dixon)

Jake Ryan -- Men's 45+A, Men's A Doubles (David Singer), Men's Centurion A Doubles (Lee Frick)

Joyce Satorius -- Women's C, Women's 65+B/C

Richard Seaberg -- Men's B Doubles (Bob Fulton - TX), Mixed B Doubles (Cheryl Kirk)

David Singer -- Men's A Doubles (Jake Ryan), Men's Centurion A Doubles (Jeffrey Hill)

Eric Van Marion -- Men's Elite, Men's 30+, Men's 19+ Doubles (Alcides Gutierrez)

Antonio Vazquez -- Men's 45+A

Brenda White -- Women's 65+

For coverage of the full scope of US Open attendance, go to www.usaracquetball.com and view the article in Racquetball magazine.

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XIX IRF World Racquetball Championship

San José, Costa Rica  
August 10-19, 2018  

by Cheryl Kirk

Excerpts reprinted courtesy of USA Racquetball. For full event coverage, view the Fall 2018 issue of Racquetball magazine at www.usaracquetball.com. Choose Magazine/Archived Issues

The US Team traveled to San José, Costa Rica, last August to represent racquetball fans across the United States. The Team and Staff members were:

David “Bobby” Horn, California: #1 Singles  
Charlie Pratt, Florida: #2 Singles  
Rocky Carson, California/Sudsy Monchik, New York: Doubles

Rhonda Rajsich, Arizona: #1 Singles  
Sheryl Lotts, Ohio: #2 Singles  
Rhonda Rajsich/Sheryl Lotts: Doubles

Dave Ellis, California -- Head Coach  
Brent Huff, Arizona -- Team Trainer  
Cheryl Kirk, Illinois -- Team Leader

A Proud and Solemn Moment for Team USA

John A. Pelham was a 22-year-old Army specialist serving a tour of duty in Afghanistan when he made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on February 12, 2014. He was a racquetball player from Beaverton, Oregon, who, just five days before his death, posted on social media, “I can’t wait to play racquetball again.” Following his death, John’s father, Wendall Pelham, took up the spirit of activism and service that had fueled his son’s life. Wendall created the non-profit Live Like John Foundation to raise awareness for Gold Star Families and to help returning veterans adjust to civilian life.

At the team meeting Thursday morning, Charlie Pratt brought red, white, and blue wristbands for everyone in memory of John Pelham. The wristbands bear the message Live Like John, 11/9/91 - 2/12/2014. The Team was honored to wear their wristbands throughout the tournament and to create a photo in memory of John.

Setting the Stage

There were 18 countries participating at the IRF Worlds -- Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, USA, and Venezuela.

A total of 34 men and 26 women competed in singles and doubles divisions. The format was round robin/pool play for...

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the first three days, the results of which created the seeding for the main rounds that began on Wednesday of the second week.

Of particular interest to Team Illinois: Alok Mehta, winner of multiple ISRA Male Player of the Year awards, competed for India.

**Competition in San José**
The finals were the culmination of seven days of competition. It came down to twelve racquetball athletes representing four countries:

Ana Gabriela Martinez (Guatemala) def. Paola Longoria (Mexico), 8-15, 15-6, 11-6

Rodrigo Montoya (Mexico) def. Charlie Pratt (USA), 15-14, 15-9

Yasmine Sabja/Valeria Centellas (Bolivia) def. Monserrat Mejia de la Torre/Alexandra Herrera (Mexico), 8-15, 15-14, 11-2

Alvaro Beltrán/Daniel De La Rosa (Mexico) def. Rocky Carson/Sudsy Monchik (USA), 10-15, 15-9, 11-2

Directly after the last match, medals stands were placed in the restaurant area at the Indoor Club, and the ceremony commenced. Medals were awarded to those who placed first, second, and third (in IRF events, both semifinal places receive bronze medals).

To view the preliminary rounds and the main draws for all of the divisions, visit www.internationalracquetball.com and click on Group Draws and Results.

Congratulations to the US Team for their fine showing at the IRF World Championships!

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**IRF World Racquetball Championship 2018 -- Results**

**Team USA Individual Medalists**  
Charlie Pratt - Silver  
Rocky Carson/Sudsy Monchik - Silver  
David “Bobby” Horn - Bronze  
Sheryl Lotts - Gold in Consolation Division

**Men’s Team**  
1 - Mexico  
2 - USA  
3 - Colombia  
4 - Bolivia

**Women’s Team**  
1 - Mexico  
2 - Guatemala  
3 - Bolivia  
4 - Argentina

**Overall Team**  
1 - Mexico  
2 - USA  
3 - Bolivia  
4 - Guatemala

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34th IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships

August 28-September 1, 2018
Midtown Sports and Wellness, Riverpoint Sports and Wellness, and Downtown Sports and Wellness, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Tournament Directors: Gary Mazaroff and Paula Sperling

by Cheryl Kirk

In singles and doubles divisions ranging from 35+ to 95+, the World Seniors was competed in Albuquerque last August for the 34th time. A total of 183 players (148 men and 35 women) vied for medals in over 30 divisions (and that’s not counting the playoffs for pool play formats).

One division deserves particular mention with the utmost respect. In the Men's 95+, it was Lake Westphal vs. William Matotan in a two-match format. If you want to know who won, visit the website (info below), but to me it didn’t matter who technically won, because they both did. I want to be like Lake and Bill when I grow up. I’ll tell you, these guys are just the best -- they are U.S. veterans, they compete honorably, and they are tons of fun. I could hang out with them all day!

As far as the rest of us went, 71 played in one division, 85 in two, and 27 intrepid souls played in three. I tried that a couple of years ago. My biggest achievement was walking upright and unaided into the Saturday night banquet (after having played 19 matches of three games to 11 over a span of four days).

Three Team Illinois players competed alongside those from 14 countries and 24 other U.S. States:

Cheryl Kirk, Women's 45+ Doubles with Marie Gomar (Guatemala) -- Silver
Leo Klimaitis, Men's Age Singles - 70+
John Mason, Men's Age Singles - 60+ -- 2nd in pool play


Much gratitude goes to the WSRC Council members who have produced this fine experience 34 years in a row: Paula Sperling (President), Joe Gellman (Vice President), Carol Gellman (Secretary), Sandy Schauer (Treasurer), Gary Mazaroff (Executive Director), Felicia A. Duran, Luke St. Onge, and Edwina Waddington.

Generous hospitality, LOTS of racquetball for your money, a great silent auction, a banquet that perfectly caps off the camaraderie of the week -- these and more are great reasons to include this event on your tournament calendar next season.

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In Memory and Gratitude
Ralph Waddington
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The U.S. Junior Team Delegation was comprised of 27 players (14 boys and 13 girls), 7 staff members, and 40 parents/grandparents/siblings/private coaches. Hailing from 10 U.S. states -- California, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington -- the U.S. Junior Team players earned their spots on the team in June at the USAR National Juniors competition in Des Moines. Coaches Charlie Pratt, Robbie Collins, and Jody Nance took the World Cup team through their paces at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in August, and then individual training was intense until it was time to make the trip to Mexico.

Twelve countries (198 players) participated in total: Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Mexico, and the USA.

WORLD CUP (15 US players) -- World Cup comprises Boys and Girls singles and doubles in 18-, 16-, and 14- age divisions.

ESPRIT CUP (11 US players) -- Esprit consists of Boys and Girls singles and doubles in 12- and 10- age divisions.

CHALLENGER CUP (1 US player) -- Sometimes also referred to as the Friendship Cup, these divisions are perfect for up-and-comers and also siblings traveling with the delegation.

STAFF
Charlie Pratt (Oregon) – Head Coach
Jennifer Meyer (Colorado) – Esprit Coach
Jody Nance (California) – Trainer/Assistant Coach
Robbie Collins (California) -- Assistant Coach
Bobby Horn (California) -- Assistant Coach
Cheryl Kirk (Illinois) – Team Leader/USAR Board of Directors
Scott Fish (Washington) -- Staff Member/USAR Board of Directors

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To give a flavor of how the week unfolded, here’s a rundown:

**Thursday/Friday (November 1/2)** -- Arrivals and practice

**Saturday (November 3)** -- Coaches’ meeting at 12:00 pm, team photos at 4:00 pm, and Opening Ceremonies at 5:00 pm.

**Sunday through Tuesday (November 4-6)** -- Round robin pools in most divisions to determine seeding in main draws beginning Wednesday

**Wednesday through Saturday (November 7-10)** -- Main draws and continuations of round robins and Olympic format divisions

**Saturday (November 10)** -- Finals and Awards Ceremony

**Sunday (November 11)** -- Departures back to the States

For a closer look at results of the XXX IRF World Junior Championships, full draws can be viewed on www.internationalracquetball.com.

The XXXI IRF World Junior Championships will be hosted in San José, Costa Rica, in November 2019.
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March 1-2, 2019
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March 6-9, 2019
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March 14-17, 2019
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Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Lombard, IL
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April 3-6, 2019
USA Racquetball National Intercollegiate Championship
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April 12-20, 2019
Pan American Racquetball Championships
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April 26-28, 2019
USAR Regional Championship
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
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May 22-26, 2019
USA Racquetball National Singles Championship
Highlands Ranch, CO
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June 19-23, 2019
USA Racquetball Junior Olympic Championships
Portland, OR
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June 27-30, 2019
NMRA International Championships
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
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July 26-28, 2019
Summerfest Open
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August 27-31, 2019
35th IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships
Midtown Sports and Wellness
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October 2-6, 2019
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$9.00 Non-Residents

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Friday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
$5.00 Members & Non-Members

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Schaumburg, IL
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
$3.00 Members
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Fitness Formula Clubs Old Town | (312) 640-1235
1235 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL
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Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon | $20 for guests

West Cook YMCA | (708) 383-5200 | Oak Park, IL
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
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Forest View Racquet and Fitness Club
(847) 640-2574 | Arlington Heights, IL
Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
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Joe Silius
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